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From: Martin Hubert
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 6:10 PM
To: Jon Niermann <Jon.Niermann@Tceq.Texas.Gov>; jim.rizk@tceq.texas.gov
Subject: Thanks

Chairman and Jim,
Thanks again for making time for us today to brief you on CITGO operations and plans for moving forward. As you can see, there is a lot going on in the company and we want to make sure we maintain our momentum in a positive direction. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

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From: Eric Tober

Sent: Friday, August 2, 2019 3:38 PM

To: John_Steitz@kennedy.senate.gov <John_Steitz@kennedy.senate.gov>; nick_hawatmeh@kennedy.senate.gov <nick_hawatmeh@kennedy.senate.gov>; natalia_riggin@kennedy.senate.gov <natalia_riggin@kennedy.senate.gov>

Cc: Orla McAlinden <omcalinden@cgagroup.com>

Subject: CITGO - next week

John, Nick & Natalia,

Larry Elizondo from CITGO headquarters in Houston will be in town next week and we'd like to stop by to visit with you for a few minutes. As you may have seen, a recent court decision, along with the ongoing governance confusion in Venezuela and the maturity of bonds that CITGO's parent sold using CITGO as collateral are collectively creating a threat to the operations of the company and the thousands of Louisiana families who rely on the company for their livelihoods.

Here's a recent Houston Chronicle story on the

issue: <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/business/energy/article/Citgo-s-fate-could-depend-on-Trump-14268522.php>

Please let me know if you have some time for me and Larry to stop by on Monday afternoon, anytime on Tuesday or on Wednesday morning.

Thank you

Eric

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From: Eric Tober
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:56 PM
To: Brooke, Francis J. Jr. EOP/WHO <Francis.J.Brooke@who.eop.gov>; Bottari, Joseph U. EOP/WHO <Joseph.U.Bottari@who.eop.gov>
Subject: CITGO - POTUS in Louisiana this Friday

Francis & Joseph,

Thank you again for meeting with me and Michael Gottlieb last week. We greatly appreciate your time and attention as we seek to save CITGO and the thousands of American jobs that it supports from the actions of the Maduro regime.

I noticed that President Trump has announced plans to be in Lake Charles, Louisiana on Friday. As you will recall, Lake Charles is the location of CITGO's largest refinery with a capacity to refine 425,000 barrels of oil per day, and employing about 2,000 people. As it is a high profile regional issue, I would not be surprised if local elected officials and community leaders who may have access to the President during his time in Louisiana bring the issue of the Maduro bond default to his attention.

Please let me know if there is any additional information that you might need, or if we can help answer any questions.

Thank you

Eric

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From: Eric Tober
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 3:11 PM
To: Copeland, Mark (Duckworth) <Mark_Copeland@duckworth.senate.gov>; Lampert, Matt (Duckworth) <Matt_Lampert@duckworth.senate.gov>
Cc: Mike Smith <msmith@cgagroup.com>
Subject: RE: CITGO

3:30 on Thursday works for me. Thank you Mark. I will see you then.

Eric

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From: Copeland, Mark (Duckworth) <Mark_Copeland@duckworth.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 2:22 PM
To: Eric Tober <etober@cgagroup.com>; Lampert, Matt (Duckworth) <Matt_Lampert@duckworth.senate.gov>
Cc: Mike Smith <msmith@cgagroup.com>
Subject: RE: CITGO

ET – Happy to sit down and discuss the issues facing CITGO. Given the schedule this week, I think looking towards Thursday afternoon or Friday would work best for me. How does 330pm on Thursday look for you? Thanks! MC

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From: Eric Tober <etober@cgagroup.com>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 12:43 PM
To: Copeland, Mark (Duckworth) <Mark_Copeland@duckworth.senate.gov>; Lampert, Matt (Duckworth) <Matt_Lampert@duckworth.senate.gov>
Cc: Mike Smith <msmith@cgagroup.com>
Subject: CITGO

Mark & Matt,

My colleague, Mike Smith, spoke with Sen. Duckworth this morning and mentioned the existential crisis that CITGO is facing at the end of October (see attached). Matt met with me and Larry Elizondo from CITGO about this issue in general during the August recess, but we now have a more clear picture of the threat and its immediacy. Sen. Duckworth indicated to Mike that she would like to meet with the new Chairwoman and CEO of CITGO, but that we should come in to brief you as soon as possible.

As Matt knows, CITGO is an American company headquartered in Houston with all of its operations in the US, but was purchased by the state oil company of Venezuela (PDVSA) in 1990. This January, the Administration took control of the company away from the Maduro government and gave it to the opposition government of Juan Guaido and the National Assembly. Unfortunately, the company is now facing the consequences of several legacy claims imposed on it by the Maduro regime.

Do you have some time for me to stop by this week?

Eric

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From: Eric Tober

Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 11:31 AM

To: Leahy, Samantha (Cruz) <Samantha_Leahy@cruz.senate.gov>; Judd_stone@judiciary-rep.senate.gov
<Judd_stone@judiciary-rep.senate.gov>; Sam Cooper (Sam_Cooper@cruz.senate.gov) <Sam_Cooper@cruz.senate.gov>

Subject: CITGO

Sam, Judd & Sam,

I hope that you are enjoying recess. I wanted to check in to see if you know anything new about the situation with CITGO. As we approach the October 28 deadline, we are growing increasingly worried about the pending default by Maduro that will result in the death of the company and the loss of thousands of jobs in the US. At this point, we have not been able to confirm that the White House is focusing on this, and that the folks at the Treasury department seem to be siding with the Maduro bondholders over CITGO's American workers.

We believe that no one here, including President Trump and Sen. Cruz, wants to give Maduro a win at the expense of Guido and thousands of US jobs, but we need help breaking through and getting attention at the White House. Any help or advice that you can provide would be huge and greatly appreciated.

Sen. Cassidy (Blake_Schindler@cassidy.senate.gov) is working on a letter to the White House and he may have reached out to you about it (if not, you may want to contact him to see if it's something that Sen. Cruz wants to join).

Thank you for your continued attention to this. Please let me know if you need more info or we can help answer any questions.

Eric

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From: Eric Tober
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 10:01 AM
To: Stokes, David (Kennedy) <David_Stokes@kennedy.senate.gov>; Hawatmeh, Nick (Kennedy) <Nick_Hawatmeh@kennedy.senate.gov>
Cc: Campbell Kaufman <ckaufman@cgagroup.com>
Subject: RE: CITGO

Wanted to make sure that you saw this article on the CITGO situation in the Journal. As you might imagine, we are very anxious as the October 28 deadline draws near. Please let me know if you or Sen. Kennedy would like any additional information. Please also let me know if you have heard anything new from the Administration about how they might proceed on this.

Thank you

Eric

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Bond Payments Are a Test of U.S. Stance on Citgo<<https://www.wsj.com/articles/bond-payments-are-a-test-of-u-s-stance-on-citgo-11570148222?mod=searchresults&page=1&pos=1>>

Wall Street Journal

Andrew Scurria and Ian Talley

October 3, 2019

Houston-based refiner is vulnerable to foreclosure from bondholders under U.S. sanctions rules it wants changed

After helping Venezuela's U.S.-backed opposition take over Citgo Petroleum Corp., the Trump administration faces a key test in its approach toward the U.S.-based company.

The catalyst is the more than \$900 million in payments due Oct. 28 on bonds backed by a controlling stake in Citgo, the Venezuelan state-owned oil refiner that employs thousands of U.S. workers.

The looming payment is a problem for Venezuela's opposition leaders, who took effective control of Citgo in January from executives loyal to President Nicolás Maduro.

Venezuela's opposition government has acknowledged it can't come up with the cash, according to people familiar with the matter. If the debt isn't paid, bondholders could try to foreclose on the company, potentially stripping it away from Venezuela altogether and dealing a blow to opposition leader Juan Guaidó.

Eager to avoid the consequences of default, Citgo has been asking the U.S. Treasury Department for a change in the current U.S. sanctions program that would keep bondholders at bay, according to people familiar with the matter. So far the Treasury has shown no signs of intervening.

The situation has pitted the interests of U.S. and foreign bondholders against the Houston-based crude refiner, a tantalizing target for anyone owed money by Venezuela. At stake is ownership of the company, which faces potential litigation and foreclosure if the Treasury Department declines to intervene on its behalf, according to people familiar with the matter.

Citgo's finances aren't particularly strained, but a 2016 debt swap orchestrated by Mr. Maduro's leftist regime laid the groundwork for the company's current predicament. In that deal, state oil giant Petróleos de Venezuela SA mortgaged a 50.1% equity stake in Citgo in return for flexibility on other debt obligations.

Those bondholders are currently authorized under U.S. sanctions to seize the Citgo stock if they aren't paid. The rule was designed to put financial pressure on Mr. Maduro, who was careful to pay down<https://www.wsj.com/articles/venezuela-makes-payment-on-citgo-backed-bond-1540912760?mod=article_inline> the Citgo-backed bonds even while defaulting on tens of billions of dollars in other obligations.

The sanctions policy made sense when it was put in place last year, Citgo said in a white paper reviewed by The Wall Street Journal. But the company subsequently came under the control of opposition forces aligned with the U.S.

Citgo has been urging the Treasury Department to reverse the rule, saying it threatens to weaken Mr. Guaidó and undermine the Trump administration's goal of changing governments in Caracas, according to the white paper.

A company spokeswoman said Citgo is profitable and has safe, stable operations.

“While we are aware of ongoing debates in Washington regarding the debts of the Maduro regime, we continue to focus on delivering quality products, serving our customers and supporting our communities,” the spokeswoman said.

With U.S. support, Mr. Guaidó and his allies wrested control of Citgo’s boardroom in February, severing its ties with PdVSA and installing friendly directors. In August, a Delaware judge ratified them as the company’s rightful board.

Funneling Citgo and other state assets into the opposition’s hands was central to Washington’s strategy to deprive Mr. Maduro of the financial resources needed to keep his grip on state institutions. Yet the opposition has failed to dislodge him from office despite Venezuela’s continued economic calamity and a further escalation in U.S. sanctions.

All the while, other companies owed money by Mr. Maduro’s regime have been chasing Citgo through the U.S. court system, eager to seize ownership as compensation for assets and investments in Venezuela that were expropriated under socialist rule.

Of all those claimants, a defunct Canadian mining company is closest to forcing a sale of shares in Citgo’s U.S. holding company, though that can’t happen without U.S. approval. Other multinationals owed billions of dollars, including ConocoPhillips Co. and Owens-Illinois<<https://quotes.wsj.com/OI>> Inc., are similarly seeking a forced auction to collect on arbitration judgments.

There isn’t nearly enough of Citgo<https://www.wsj.com/articles/as-venezuelas-default-risk-rises-battle-heats-up-for-control-of-refiner-citgo-1494759601?mod=article_inline> to go around, sparking a race among competing creditors to lay claim on the company’s assets. The company has previously considered a bankruptcy filing as one option<https://www.wsj.com/articles/venezuelas-citgo-weighs-bankruptcy-other-options-amid-political-fight-11548963476?mod=article_inline> for sorting out competing claims on its assets if creditors closed in.

Free-market nonprofit groups including Heritage Action and Americans for Tax Reform urged the Trump administration last month to make Citgo available to Venezuela’s creditors. The Venezuelan opposition has also sought a broad executive order shielding Citgo, similar to asset protection rules put in place for Iraqi foreign holdings after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

Citgo owns refineries in Lake Charles, La., Corpus Christi, Texas, and Lemont, Ill. The company also owns valuable networks of pipelines and fuel-distribution terminals in the eastern U.S.

Mr. Maduro has publicly blamed the U.S. for causing Venezuela’s economic woes and singled out Citgo, accusing the Trump administration of trying to “steal” the company. The company’s Gulf Coast oil refineries were key PdVSA customers until the Treasury Department in January effectively shut down oil trading between the two countries.

From: Stokes, David (Kennedy) <David_Stokes@kennedy.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 10:56 AM
To: Eric Tober <etober@cgagroup.com>; Hawatmeh, Nick (Kennedy) <Nick_Hawatmeh@kennedy.senate.gov>
Cc: Campbell Kaufman <ckaufman@cgagroup.com>
Subject: RE: CITGO

Thanks, Eric.

We will discuss the request with our fellow offices and be in touch soon.

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Chief of Staff (DC)
U.S. Senator John Kennedy
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From: Eric Tober <etober@cgagroup.com>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 9:52 AM
To: Stokes, David (Kennedy) <David_Stokes@kennedy.senate.gov>; Hawatmeh, Nick (Kennedy) <Nick_Hawatmeh@kennedy.senate.gov>
Cc: Campbell Kaufman <ckaufman@cgagroup.com>
Subject: CITGO

David & Nick,

Attached is the additional background that we promised, along with copies of the General License 5 and associated FAQ from the Treasury Department.

We had productive meetings with Sen. Cassidy (Blake, Kayla & Maria) and with Rep. Higgins (Ward Cormier). I believe that both are interested/willing to communicate the message to the Administration, and both may be interested in working jointly with your office to do so.

I am happy to help you draft a suitable letter if you would like – just let me know.

Thank you

Eric

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From: Eric Tober
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 9:44 AM
To: Bovo, Viviana (Rubio) <Viviana_Bovo@rubio.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: CITGO

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 10, 2019, at 9:13 AM, Bovo, Viviana (Rubio) <Viviana_Bovo@rubio.senate.gov> wrote:

1:30 works

See you tomorrow.

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 10, 2019, at 9:09 AM, Eric Tober <etober@cgagroup.com> wrote:

Viviana,

Is there any chance that you could meet at 1:30 instead of 2:00? Sorry for the complication.

Eric

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 7, 2019, at 1:58 PM, Bovo, Viviana (Rubio) <Viviana_Bovo@rubio.senate.gov> wrote:

Hi Eric,

I am open to meet on June 11 at 2:00pm. Does that work for you?

From: Eric Tober <etober@cgagroup.com>

Sent: Friday, June 7, 2019 1:50 PM

To: Scheduling, Rubio (Rubio) <Rubio_Scheduling@rubio.senate.gov>

Cc: Bovo, Viviana (Rubio) <Viviana_Bovo@rubio.senate.gov>; Poulos, Bethany (Rubio) <Bethany_Poulos@rubio.senate.gov>; Perry, Katie (Rubio) <Katie_Perry@rubio.senate.gov>

Subject: Re: CITGO

Viviana, Bethany & Katie,

Are you available to meet with CITGO on the afternoon of the 11th? They have another meeting on the Hill at 5:00, so could do a meeting prior if you would like.

Thank you.

Eric

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 3, 2019, at 7:58 PM, Scheduling, Rubio (Rubio) <Rubio_Scheduling@rubio.senate.gov> wrote:

Thank you, Viviana

Hello Mr. Tober,

Thank you so much for passing along this meeting request to our office! The Senator is truly grateful for your interest and consideration. Unfortunately, I am afraid that we are currently not able to accommodate a meeting with the Senator at this time. We are so sorry that this is the case; however, the Senator would like to have Chairwoman Luisa Palacios and acting CEO, Rick Esser meet with a member of his staff who handles this issue. Bethany Poulos, Viviana Bovo, and Katie Perry included here are happy to further assist. Thank you so much for your patience and your understanding, and please don't hesitate to let me know if I may be able to be of any further assistance to you at this time.

All the best,
Hannah Griffith

From: Bovo, Viviana (Rubio)
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2019 2:25 PM
To: 'Eric Tober' <etober@cgagroup.com>
Cc: Poulos, Bethany (Rubio) <Bethany.Poulos@rubio.senate.gov>; Perry, Katie (Rubio) <Katie.Perry@rubio.senate.gov>; Scheduling, Rubio (Rubio) <Rubio.Scheduling@rubio.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: CITGO

Moving Eleni to bcc

Hi Eric,

Thank you for reaching out. I am copying the Senator's scheduler for follow up on the Senator's availability.

Thanks,

VIVIANA BOVO
SENIOR ADVISOR FOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS
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From: Eric Tober <etober@cgagroup.com>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2019 2:04 PM
To: Bovo, Viviana (Rubio) <Viviana.Bovo@rubio.senate.gov>; Valanos, Eleni (Rubio) <Eleni.Valanos@rubio.senate.gov>
Cc: Poulos, Bethany (Rubio) <Bethany.Poulos@rubio.senate.gov>; Perry, Katie

(Rubio) <Katie_Perry@rubio.senate.gov>

Subject: RE: CITGO

Viviana,

Chairwoman Luisa Palacios and acting CEO, Rick Esser will be in DC next Tuesday the 11th, and are available to meet with Sen. Rubio if he would like. I am told that they are available from 2:00-5:00 on the 11th.

Please let me know if you would like to set up a meeting.

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From: Bovo, Viviana (Rubio)
<Viviana_Bovo@rubio.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 11:37 AM
To: Valanos, Eleni (Rubio)
<Eleni_Valanos@rubio.senate.gov>; Eric Tober
<etober@cgagroup.com>
Cc: Poulos, Bethany (Rubio)
<Bethany_Poulos@rubio.senate.gov>; Perry, Katie
(Rubio) <Katie_Perry@rubio.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: CITGO

Thank you Eleni.

Hi Eric,

Hope you are well. Thank you for reaching out regarding the Senator assistance to the families of the CITGO employees jailed in Venezuela. We have been following closely.

Kindly, please let me know if you are available for a call or meeting in the next weeks.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

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From: Valanos, Eleni (Rubio)
<Eleni_Valanos@rubio.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 10:10 AM
To: 'Eric Tober' <etober@cgagroup.com>
Cc: Bovo, Viviana (Rubio)
<Viviana_Bovo@rubio.senate.gov>; Poulos, Bethany (Rubio) <Bethany_Poulos@rubio.senate.gov>; Perry, Katie (Rubio) <Katie_Perry@rubio.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: CITGO

Hi Eric-
I am cc-ing my colleagues Viviana, Bethany, and Katie who handle foreign policy issues for the senator. Thanks!

Best,
Eleni

From: Eric Tober [<mailto:etober@cgagroup.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 10:01 AM
To: Valanos, Eleni (Rubio)
Subject: CITGO

Eleni,

CITGO has asked me to provide this letter to you and Sen. Rubio in response to his request for assistance in working with the families of the CITGO executives who are being detained with a lack of due process in Venezuela.

Please call me if you would like to discuss. Per the letter, senior CITGO officials would welcome the opportunity to visit with you and Sen. Rubio about this issue in person.

Thank you for your concern and effort during this tumultuous period.

Eric

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From: Eric Tober
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2019 11:34 AM
To: Griffith, Hannah (Rubio) <Hannah_Griffith@rubio.senate.gov>; Jim Richards <jrichards@cgagroup.com>
Subject: RE: Citgo and Venezuela

Thank you Hannah. Yes, 3:00 on the 11th will work for us. Appreciate your help. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Eric

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From: Griffith, Hannah (Rubio) <Hannah_Griffith@rubio.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2019 10:28 AM

To: Jim Richards <jrichards@cgagroup.com>

Cc: Eric Tober <etober@cgagroup.com>

Subject: RE: Citgo and Venezuela

Thank you, Jim!

Hello Eric,

Does this group have any availability on Wednesday, September 11th? Would 3:00pm at our office, 284 Russell work well?

Thank you,
Hannah

From: Jim Richards [<mailto:jrichards@cgagroup.com>]

Sent: Friday, September 06, 2019 11:36 AM

To: Griffith, Hannah (Rubio) <Hannah_Griffith@rubio.senate.gov>

Cc: Scheduling, Rubio (Rubio) <Rubio_Scheduling@rubio.senate.gov>; Eric Tober <etober@cgagroup.com>

Subject: RE: Citgo and Venezuela

Thanks again, Hannah.

I'm headed out of the country on a client trip and will not be here next week, so adding my colleague who leads our Citgo work (Eric Tober) to the chain for scheduling and questions.

Availability at this point:

Sept 11 (Senate meetings already confirmed for 10:15 and 1:00)

Sept 12 (Senate meeting already confirmed for 2:45)

Sept 13

Attendees will likely include:

Louisa Palacios, Chairwoman <https://www.citgo.com/about/who-we-are/board-of-directors-en>

Carlos Jorda, CEO <https://www.citgo.com/about/who-we-are/executive-team>

Rick Esser, EVP <https://www.citgo.com/about/who-we-are/executive-team>

Michael Gottlieb, outside counsel <https://www.willkie.com/professionals/g/gottlieb-michael?section=experience>

Eric Tober, Cornerstone <https://www.cgagroup.com/people/eric-tober/>

Main background point – if the Trump Administration fails to adjust policy to reflect that CITGO is now controlled by Juan Guaido and the National Assembly, and protect it from the international bondholders and other claimants against the Maduro regime, a 100 year old American company is likely to fail and serve a major blow to the Juan Guaido government's chances of success. Ideally we would appreciate SMR, Mike and Viviana's insights and advice, for y'all to take a look at the situation, and consider one or all possible options. Whether it be making a public statement, raising the issue directly with the White House, and/or pursuing legislation. At the end of the day, we know how deeply SMR cares about the Venezuelan plight and appreciate any and all suggestions, guidance and action.

Finally, CITGO operates three large fuel terminals in Florida. One in the panhandle (Niceville), one in Tampa, and one in Ft. Lauderdale. CITGO generally provides about 5% of the fuel in markets where it operates. A disruption of those

operations could create a significant impact in Florida as the demand curve for fuel is steep (small changes in supply result in large changes in price).

Thanks again for everything, and enjoy your final recess weekend!

Jim

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From: Griffith, Hannah (Rubio) <Hannah_Griffith@rubio.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 4:48 PM
To: Jim Richards <jrichards@cgagroup.com>
Cc: Scheduling, Rubio (Rubio) <Rubio_Scheduling@rubio.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Citgo and Venezuela

Good Afternoon Mr. Richards,

I hope this email finds you well. Thank you so much for passing along this meeting request for Chairwoman Luisa Palacios, and CEO Carlos Jorda to meet with Senator Rubio. The Senator is truly grateful for your interest and consideration. Unfortunately, I am afraid that due to scheduling conflicts on the dates requested, we are currently not able to accommodate a meeting with the Senator at this time. Please accept our sincerest regrets that this is the case. Should absolutely anything change, we will be sure to contact you immediately. However, Mike and the Senator's Advisor on Western Hemisphere Affairs, Viviana Bovo would be happy to meet if Chairwoman Luisa Palacios, and CEO Carlos Jorda are amenable. Would you mind providing us with a list of those CITGO executives of whom you are referring to? The reason being some have asked to only speak through counsel with us. Thank you so much for your patience and your understanding, and please don't hesitate to let me know if I may be able to be of any further assistance to you at this time.

Many thanks,

Hannah Griffith

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jim Richards <jrichards@cgagroup.com>
Date: September 5, 2019 at 8:33:55 AM EDT
To: "Needham, Mike (Rubio)" <Mike_Needham@rubio.senate.gov>
Subject: Citgo and Venezuela

Good Morning, Sir—

I hope everything is as well as it can be in FL given the storm.

As you know, Cornerstone works for Citgo in DC and several of our state offices, and they've had some challenges back in Venezuela that you and SMR are all too aware of.

Chairwoman Luisa Palacios, and CEO Carlos Jorda would like to meet with Sen. Rubio to discuss the imprisonment of several CITGO executives by the Maduro regime in Venezuela, as well as other decisions by Maduro which have placed CITGO and the thousands of US employees in jeopardy.

Luisa Palacios was appointed in February by the National Assembly and the Juan Guaido government to chair the board of CITGO following President Trump's actions in late January to recognize the Guaido government and to give control of CITGO to the National Assembly. In August, the new board selected Carlos Jorda to take over as the new CEO of the company.

Additional information about Ms. Palacios can be found here: <https://www.citgo.com/about/who-we-are/board-of-directors-en>

Additional information about Mr. Jorda can be found here: <https://www.citgo.com/about/who-we-are/executive-team>

They will be in Washington and available to meet on September 11-13.

I know next week will be crazy and appreciate the difficulty of a relatively late request on a big issue.

Thanks for considering, and I hope SMR is able to meet with them and offer his advice and insights.

Jim

Jim Richards | Principal & Director



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From: Eric Tober
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 12:11 PM
To: Bergin, Don (Cornyn) <Don_Bergin@cornyn.senate.gov>; Leahy, Samantha (Cruz) <Samantha_Leahy@cruz.senate.gov>; Jackson, Ben <Ben.Jackson@mail.house.gov>; McHan, Abby <Abby.McHan@mail.house.gov>
Subject: CITGO Detained Executives

Don, Sam, Ben & Abby,

Sorry to interrupt your holiday, but I wanted to let you know that CITGO has been told that the trial in Venezuela is set to begin [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CITGO has been asked by the attorneys representing one of the executives for several documents which the company has supplied. These documents include documents that demonstrate that the PDVSA Board was briefed on and provided its express approval of the global refinancing transaction in June of 2017, including express direction to CITGO to negotiate with the entities with whom CITGO ultimately did negotiate in the months following that approval.

Although the attorneys for the other families have not made similar requests, we did provide the document (regarding the PDVSA Board briefing) to them and have offered additional assistance. So far one of the families has responded that they do not require additional assistance at this time.

As the trial moves forward CITGO is ready to provide whatever we can to help.

Please let me know if you have questions or would like additional information.

I hope you have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Eric

Eric Tober | Principal & Director



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From: Eric Tober
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 10:45 AM
To: Sierra, Maria (Cassidy) <Maria_Sierra@cassidy.senate.gov>; Schindler, Blake (Cassidy) <Blake_Schindler@cassidy.senate.gov>
Subject: CITGO Detained Executives

Maria & Blake,

Sorry to interrupt your holiday, but I wanted to let you know that CITGO has been told that the trial in Venezuela is set to begin [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CITGO has been asked by the attorneys representing [REDACTED] for several documents which the company has supplied. These documents include letters to the family, along with supporting documentation, establishing: (1) that the detainees were on official CITGO business travel to PDVSA [REDACTED] when they were detained, including the flight manifests and travel records for the trip; (2) that [REDACTED] had no known role in the global refinancing transaction, including that CITGO searched for and could not locate any communications between [REDACTED] and any of the financial institutions or firms involved in the deal; and (3) that the PDVSA Board was briefed on [REDACTED]

and provided its express approval of the global refinancing transaction in June of 2017, including express direction to CITGO to negotiate with the entities with whom CITGO ultimately did negotiate in the months following that approval.

Although the attorneys for the other families have not made similar requests, we did provide the last document (regarding the PDVSA Board briefing) to them as well, and have offered additional assistance. So far one of the families has responded that they do not require additional assistance at this time.

As the trial moves forward CITGO is ready to provide whatever we can to help.

Please let me know if you have questions or would like additional information.

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From: Eric Tober
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 2:23 PM
To: Schindler, Blake (Cassidy) <Blake_Schindler@cassidy.senate.gov>; Sierra, Maria (Cassidy) <Maria_Sierra@cassidy.senate.gov>; ward.cormier@mail.house.gov <ward.cormier@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: CITGO in the WSJ

Yes – the revised letter was sent to the family yesterday. They should receive it today, and I have asked that Maria request a copy of the letter from the family, given their sensitivity.

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From: Schindler, Blake (Cassidy) <Blake_Schindler@cassidy.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 1:55 PM
To: Eric Tober <etober@cgagroup.com>; Sierra, Maria (Cassidy) <Maria_Sierra@cassidy.senate.gov>;

ward.cormier@mail.house.gov

Subject: RE: CITGO in the WSJ

Thanks, Eric. Any updates on the status of the letter revision from CITGO?

From: Eric Tober [<mailto:etober@cgagroup.com>]

Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2019 9:53 PM

To: Schindler, Blake (Cassidy) <Blake_Schindler@cassidy.senate.gov>; Sierra, Maria (Cassidy) <Maria_Sierra@cassidy.senate.gov>; ward.cormier@mail.house.gov

Subject: CITGO in the WSJ

This just in from the WSJ:

Bond Payments Are a Test of U.S. Stance on Citgo<<https://www.wsj.com/articles/bond-payments-are-a-test-of-u-s-stance-on-citgo-11570148222?mod=searchresults&page=1&pos=1>>

Wall Street Journal

Andrew Scurria and Ian Talley

October 3, 2019

Houston-based refiner is vulnerable to foreclosure from bondholders under U.S. sanctions rules it wants changed

After helping Venezuela's U.S.-backed opposition take over Citgo Petroleum Corp., the Trump administration faces a key test in its approach toward the U.S.-based company.

The catalyst is the more than \$900 million in payments [due Oct. 28](#) on bonds backed by a controlling stake in Citgo, the Venezuelan state-owned oil refiner that employs thousands of U.S. workers.

The looming payment is a problem for Venezuela's opposition leaders, who took effective control of Citgo in January from executives loyal to President Nicolás Maduro.

Venezuela's opposition government has acknowledged it can't come up with the cash, according to people familiar with the matter. If the debt isn't paid, bondholders could try to foreclose on the company, potentially stripping it away from Venezuela altogether and dealing a blow to opposition leader Juan Guaidó.

Eager to avoid the consequences of default, Citgo has been asking the U.S. Treasury Department for a change in the current U.S. sanctions program that would keep bondholders at bay, according to people familiar with the matter. So far the Treasury has shown no signs of intervening.

The situation has pitted the interests of U.S. and foreign bondholders against the Houston-based crude refiner, a tantalizing target for anyone owed money by Venezuela. At stake is ownership of the company, which faces potential litigation and foreclosure if the Treasury Department declines to intervene on its behalf, according to people familiar with the matter.

Citgo's finances aren't particularly strained, but a 2016 debt swap orchestrated by Mr. Maduro's leftist regime laid the groundwork for the company's current predicament. In that deal, state oil giant Petróleos de Venezuela SA mortgaged a 50.1% equity stake in Citgo in return for flexibility on other debt obligations.

Those bondholders are currently authorized under U.S. sanctions to seize the Citgo stock if they aren't paid. The rule was designed to put financial pressure on Mr. Maduro, who was careful to pay down<<https://www.wsj.com/articles/venezuela-makes-payment-on-citgo-backed-bond->

[1540912760?mod=article_inline](#)> the Citgo-backed bonds even while defaulting on tens of billions of dollars in other obligations.

The sanctions policy made sense when it was put in place last year, Citgo said in a white paper reviewed by The Wall Street Journal. But the company subsequently came under the control of opposition forces aligned with the U.S.

Citgo has been urging the Treasury Department to reverse the rule, saying it threatens to weaken Mr. Guaidó and undermine the Trump administration's goal of changing governments in Caracas, according to the white paper.

A company spokeswoman said Citgo is profitable and has safe, stable operations.

"While we are aware of ongoing debates in Washington regarding the debts of the Maduro regime, we continue to focus on delivering quality products, serving our customers and supporting our communities," the spokeswoman said.

With U.S. support, Mr. Guaidó and his allies wrested control of Citgo's boardroom in February, severing its ties with PdVSA and installing friendly directors. In August, a Delaware judge ratified them as the company's rightful board.

Funneling Citgo and other state assets into the opposition's hands was central to Washington's strategy to deprive Mr. Maduro of the financial resources needed to keep his grip on state institutions. Yet the opposition has failed to dislodge him from office despite Venezuela's continued economic calamity and a further escalation in U.S. sanctions.

All the while, other companies owed money by Mr. Maduro's regime have been chasing Citgo through the U.S. court system, eager to seize ownership as compensation for assets and investments in Venezuela that were expropriated under socialist rule.

Of all those claimants, a defunct Canadian mining company is closest to forcing a sale of shares in Citgo's U.S. holding company, though that can't happen without U.S. approval. Other multinationals owed billions of dollars, including ConocoPhillips Co. and Owens-Illinois<<https://quotes.wsj.com/OI>> Inc., are similarly seeking a forced auction to collect on arbitration judgments.

There isn't nearly enough of Citgo<https://www.wsj.com/articles/as-venezuelas-default-risk-rises-battle-heats-up-for-control-of-refiner-citgo-1494759601?mod=article_inline> to go around, sparking a race among competing creditors to lay claim on the company's assets. The company has previously considered a bankruptcy filing as one option<https://www.wsj.com/articles/venezuelas-citgo-weighs-bankruptcy-other-options-amid-political-fight-11548963476?mod=article_inline> for sorting out competing claims on its assets if creditors closed in.

Free-market nonprofit groups including Heritage Action and Americans for Tax Reform urged the Trump administration last month to make Citgo available to Venezuela's creditors. The Venezuelan opposition has also sought a broad executive order shielding Citgo, similar to asset protection rules put in place for Iraqi foreign holdings after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

Citgo owns refineries in Lake Charles, La., Corpus Christi, Texas, and Lemont, Ill. The company also owns valuable networks of pipelines and fuel-distribution terminals in the eastern U.S.

Mr. Maduro has publicly blamed the U.S. for causing Venezuela's economic woes and singled out Citgo,

accusing the Trump administration of trying to “steal” the company. The company’s Gulf Coast oil refineries were key PdVSA customers until the Treasury Department in January effectively shut down oil trading between the two countries.

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From: Eric Tober
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:13 AM
To: Schindler Blake; Sierra Maria
Subject: CITGO Lake Charles Friday

Blake & Maria,

The President has announced that he will be holding a rally in Lake Charles on Friday. If Sen. Cassidy is planning to join him, this might be a good opportunity to ask the President for help to protect the 2,000 CITGO jobs in Lake Charles.

Please let me know if you need anything to help take advantage of this opportunity.

Eric

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From: Martin Hubert <MHubert@cgagroup.com>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 6:12 PM
To: Luis Moreno <Luis.Moreno@senate.texas.gov>
Cc: Jennifer Salazar <Jennifer.Salazar@senate.texas.gov>
Subject: CITGO Letter

Luis,

Here is the letter I called you about earlier today. As you know, CITGO has been a major refiner and employer in Texas for many years. At this time, there is a lot of activity at CITGO including litigation and claims on the company. We would like to request that Senator Hinojosa send the attached letter to U.S. Representative Michael Cloud as well as Senators Cornyn and Cruz on CITGO's behalf. Please edit freely if you'd like to make changes. The goal is for our Washington delegation to reach out to the Trump administration and express their support for CITGO. If you do send the letter we would love to have an electronic copy.

If you have questions please give me a call at 512/415-7299. Many thanks for your help with this.

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From: Martin Hubert
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 4:33 PM
To: Louie Sanchez <Louie.Sanchez@senate.texas.gov>
Cc: Grecia Galvan <Grecia.Galvan@senate.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: CITGO Letter

Grecia,
If you can send me some times Louie is available for a call, we'll take his first available. Thanks

From: Louie Sanchez <Louie.Sanchez@senate.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 8:14 AM
To: Martin Hubert <MHubert@cgagroup.com>

Cc: Grecia Galvan <Grecia.Galvan@senate.texas.gov>

Subject: Re: CITGO Letter

Out of the country this week. Grecia will get you set up for a call next week.

Thanks,

LS

From: Martin Hubert <MHubert@cgagroup.com>

Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 7:59 AM

To: Louie Sanchez <Louie.Sanchez@senate.texas.gov>

Cc: "grecia.galvan@senate.texas.gov" <Grecia.Galvan@senate.texas.gov>

Subject: RE: CITGO Letter

Louie, are you available for a call later this week?

From: Louie Sanchez <Louie.Sanchez@senate.texas.gov>

Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2019 1:50 PM

To: Martin Hubert <MHubert@cgagroup.com>

Cc: Grecia Galvan <Grecia.Galvan@senate.texas.gov>

Subject: Re: CITGO Letter

I'm not sure if I will be in Austin on the 10th. Let's schedule a call. You name the time. Grecia (cc'ed) will confirm. Thanks!

From: Martin Hubert <MHubert@cgagroup.com>

Date: Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 6:51 PM

To: Louie Sanchez <Louie.Sanchez@senate.texas.gov>

Cc: Helen Knaggs <Helen.Knaggs@senate.texas.gov>

Subject: RE: CITGO Letter

You bet. If you're back in Austin on Sept. 10th we could schedule a meeting. Whatever works for you.

From: Louie Sanchez <Louie.Sanchez@senate.texas.gov>

Sent: Saturday, August 17, 2019 4:49 PM

To: Martin Hubert <MHubert@cgagroup.com>

Cc: Helen Knaggs <Helen.Knaggs@senate.texas.gov>

Subject: Re: CITGO Letter

Martin:

Thanks for reaching out. What's your deadline? I'd like an opportunity to learn about this issue in greater detail to have a meaningful discussion with Sen. Lucio on it; however, both he and I will be out-of-the-country for the remainder of the month. Can we discuss this in September?

Please advise,

LS

From: Martin Hubert <MHubert@cgagroup.com>

Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 6:16:22 PM

To: Louie Sanchez

Cc: Helen Knaggs

Subject: CITGO Letter

Louie,

Here is the letter I called you about earlier today. As you know, CITGO has been a major refiner and employer in Texas for many years. At this time, there is a lot of activity at CITGO including litigation and claims on the company. We would like to request that Senator Lucio send the attached letter to U.S. Representative Michael Cloud as well as Senators Cornyn and Cruz on CITGO's behalf. Please edit freely if you'd like to make changes. The goal is for our Washington delegation to reach out to the Trump administration and express their support for CITGO. If you do send the letter we would love to have an electronic copy.

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From: Eric Tober
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2019 2:54 PM
To: Ali, Erum Ibrahim (Durbin) <Erum_Ibrahim@durbin.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: CITGO meeting request for Monday

Thank you. We will see you then.

Eric

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On Aug 9, 2019, at 2:35 PM, Ali, Erum Ibrahim (Durbin) <Erum_Ibrahim@durbin.senate.gov> wrote:

Sure. We're in hart 711.

From: Eric Tober <etober@cgagroup.com>
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2019 2:21 PM
To: Ali, Erum Ibrahim (Durbin) <Erum_Ibrahim@durbin.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: CITGO meeting request for Monday

Would 11:15 work?

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On Aug 9, 2019, at 1:13 PM, Ali, Erum Ibrahim (Durbin) <Erum_Ibrahim@durbin.senate.gov> wrote:

After 11 – is that possible?

From: Eric Tober <etober@cgagroup.com>
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2019 12:49 PM
To: Ali, Erum Ibrahim (Durbin) <Erum_Ibrahim@durbin.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: CITGO meeting request for Monday

Could you do something in the morning of the 13th?

Thank you.

Eric

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On Aug 9, 2019, at 12:47 PM, Ali, Erum Ibrahim (Durbin) <Erum_Ibrahim@durbin.senate.gov> wrote:

Eric – unfortunately I’m not available Monday either. Is there any availability on the 13th? Otherwise happy to stay in touch via email and/or try next time.

Thanks,

Ms. Erum Ibrahim Ali
Foreign Policy Advisor
Office of U.S. Senator Richard J. Durbin
(202) 224-2152

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From: Eric Tober <etober@cgagroup.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2019 9:18 PM
To: Homan, Chris (Durbin) <Chris_Homan@durbin.senate.gov>
Cc: Ali, Erum Ibrahim (Durbin) <Erum_Ibrahim@durbin.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: CITGO meeting request for Monday

Thank you Chris. Erin, please let me know if you have a few minutes for us to stop by.

Eric

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On Aug 7, 2019, at 8:31 PM, Homan, Chris (Durbin)
<Chris_Homan@durbin.senate.gov> wrote:

I am out next week but my colleague Erum who is copied may be available.

On Aug 7, 2019, at 4:22 PM, Eric Tober
<etober@cgagroup.com> wrote:

Chris,

The head of Government Affairs for CITGO, Larry Elizondo, will be in DC on Monday the 12th, and we'd like to see if you have a few minutes for us to stop by.

As you might know, CITGO operates a refinery in Illinois (near Lemont) and employs over 1,000 people in the state. Although CITGO is a 100 year old American company headquartered in Houston, it was purchased in 1986 by PDVSA – the state owned oil company of Venezuela.

In February of this year the Trump Administration used its executive power to take control of CITGO away from the Maduro government and give it to the Juan Guaido government and the opposition led by the National Assembly. A new Board for CITGO was appointed by the Guido government and CITGO is now chaired by Luisa Palacios (<https://sipa.columbia.edu/faculty-research/faculty-directory/luisa-palacios>).

Recently, the federal 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a decision with regard to a claim by Canadian gold mining firm Cystallex against the Maduro government. The decision would allow Cystallex to recapture its loss through a

claim on CITGO. Additionally, the Maduro government sold bonds to Russian oil company Rosneft (the 2020 bonds) using CITGO as collateral.

If not protected by the US, these claims could result in an asset sale and the dissolution of CITGO as a company.

We would like to stop by to visit with you about these developments and to ask for your help - possibly through legislation – to adjust US policy to protect CITGO, both for the benefit of the US workers and economy, and to hold CITGO as a valuable and important financial asset that the people of Venezuela will need once they get beyond the control of the Maduro government.

Please let me know if you might have some time for us to stop by on Monday. Realizing that this is August, if you are not in the office please let me know if there is someone else in your office with whom we could speak.

Thank you

Eric

Eric Tober | Principal & Director

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From: Eric Tober
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 10:59 AM
To: Hawatmeh, Nick (Kennedy) <Nick_Hawatmeh@kennedy.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: CITGO

Works for me. I'll see you then. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 5, 2019, at 10:58 AM, Hawatmeh, Nick (Kennedy) <Nick_Hawatmeh@kennedy.senate.gov> wrote:

I can do before. 12:45?

From: Eric Tober <etober@cgagroup.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 10:57 AM

To: Hawatmeh, Nick (Kennedy) <Nick_Hawatmeh@kennedy.senate.gov>

Subject: Re: CITGO

Nick,

I have a 1:30 on the House side. Could you do before or after?

Eric

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On Sep 5, 2019, at 10:49 AM, Hawatmeh, Nick (Kennedy) <Nick_Hawatmeh@kennedy.senate.gov> wrote:

Eric -

I just realized I never responded. I am available to meet today. Let me know what works for you.

Thanks,
Nick

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 3, 2019, at 12:32 PM, Eric Tober <etober@cgagroup.com> wrote:

Yes sir. Could you do 10:30 on Thursday?

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Principal & Director
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From: Hawatmeh, Nick (Kennedy)
<Nick_Hawatmeh@kennedy.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 12:04 PM
To: Eric Tober <etober@cgagroup.com>; Steitz, John (Kennedy)
<John_Steitz@Kennedy.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: CITGO

Eric –

Happy to meet. Does Thursday morning work for you?

Best,

Nick

From: Eric Tober <etober@cgagroup.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 12:01 PM
To: Steitz, John (Kennedy) <John_Steitz@Kennedy.senate.gov>;
Hawatmeh, Nick (Kennedy) <Nick_Hawatmeh@kennedy.senate.gov>
Subject: CITGO

John & Nick,

I'd like to see if I can visit with you for a few minutes about the status and future of CITGO. As you know, CITGO is a Houston-based US company, but is owned by the state-owned oil company of Venezuela, PDVSA. This past February, President Trump took CITGO away from the Maduro regime and gave it to the opposition government led by the National Assembly and Juan Guaido. CITGO has a new Chairwoman, Luisa Palacios, and a newly appointed CEO, Carlos Jorda. (more info here: <https://www.citgo.com/about/who-we-are/executive-team>).

Several actions that the Maduro government has taken over the last few years - which have little to do with CITGO - are now threatening to destroy the company and the thousands of American families (about 2,000 in Louisiana) who work for and with its refineries.

I'd like to give you some of the background on this, before submitting a meeting request for the new Chair and CEO to meet with Sen. Kennedy (likely next week).

Can you let me know if you have a few minutes for me to stop by, or to visit by phone?

Thank you

Eric

Eric Tober | Principal & Director

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From: Martin Hubert
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 1:55 PM
To: Jesus Moreno <Jesus.Moreno@house.texas.gov>
Cc: Miguel Liscano <Miguel.Liscano@house.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Fwd: CITGO Letter

Gentlemen,
We thank you for your assistance in making this happen. Please let Representative Herrero know we very much appreciate his support. Let me know if I can ever be of assistance.

From: Jesus Moreno <Jesus.Moreno@house.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 10:57 AM

To: Martin Hubert <MHubert@cgagroup.com>
Cc: Miguel Liscano <Miguel.Liscano@house.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Fwd: CITGO Letter

Martin:

Here's the letter Rep. Herrero sent in support of Citgo.

Jesus Moreno | Chief of Staff
Office of State Representative Abel Herrero
O:(512)463-0462 M:(505)506-2549
E: Jesus.Moreno@house.texas.gov

On Oct 3, 2019, 4:55 PM -0500, Martin Hubert <MHubert@cgagroup.com>, wrote:

Just checking in on this. Has Rep. Herrero sent a letter on this yet? Thanks again.

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From: Eric Tober
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 3:50 PM
To: Aguillard, Zoe (Cassidy) <Zoe_Aguillard@cassidy.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request for Chairwoman and CEO of CITGO

Excellent. Thank you. We will be there. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Eric

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From: Aguillard, Zoe (Cassidy) <Zoe_Aguillard@cassidy.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 3:24 PM

To: Eric Tober <etober@cgagroup.com>

Subject: RE: Meeting request for Chairwoman and CEO of CITGO

Hi Eric,

Does 10:15am on 9/11 work? Our office is in 520 Hart.

Best,
Zoe

From: Eric Tober <etober@cgagroup.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 5:04 PM

To: Aguillard, Zoe (Cassidy) <Zoe_Aguillard@cassidy.senate.gov>

Cc: Sierra, Maria (Cassidy) <Maria_Sierra@cassidy.senate.gov>

Subject: Meeting request for Chairwoman and CEO of CITGO

Zoe,

Chairwoman Luisa Palacios, and CEO Carlos Jorda would like to meet with Sen. Cassidy to discuss the imprisonment of [REDACTED] in Venezuela, as well as other decisions by the Maduro regime which have placed CITGO and the thousands of families in the US who rely on the company for employment in great jeopardy.

They will be in Washington and available to meet on September 11-13. Please let me know if Sen. Cassidy can accommodate their request to meet.

Luisa Palacios was appointed in February by the National Assembly and the Juan Guaido government to chair the board of CITGO following President Trump's actions in late January to recognize the Guaido government and to give control of CITGO to the National Assembly. In August, the new board selected Carlos Jorda to take over as the new CEO of the company.

Additional information about Ms. Palacios can be found here: <https://www.citgo.com/about/who-we-are/board-of-directors-en>

Additional information about Mr. Jorda can be found here: <https://www.citgo.com/about/who-we-are/executive-team>

Thank you for your attention to this request. Please contact me if you have questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

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